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REPORT NO.

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Germany (Russian Zone)

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SUBJECT

1. Cancellation of Furloughs for All DDR Officials

2. Special Passes for Passage from West Berlin to

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- 1. On 9 September 1950 at about 4:30 P.M. the post office at Königswasterhausen received orders from the Oberpostdirektion, Potsdam, that the cancellation of furloughs of all DDR officials will be ordered immediately. All on vacation were ordered to return to their jobs at once with the morning of 11 September as the deadline. Through the post at Königswasterhausen telegrams to this effect were sent out immediately to the officials of various government departments.
- 2. The post office received no orders to notify the Volkspolizei, but source thought it possible that the Volkspolizei would be informed over its own communications net.
- 3. An overheard radio message from the Berlin office to another office in West Germany stated: "Furloughs are cancelled for all ministries and offices of the DDR beginning 11 September 1950 at 12:00 noon. Vacationers are ordered back, especially in the post office and railroad departments"."
- Beginning at noon 9 September 1950 the West Berlin identity card (Kennkarte) will no longer be accepted in the Soviet Zone. Special passes issued by an official of the DDR will be required for persons wishing to travel from 'est Berlin into the Soviet Zone. The order does not apply to the suburbs of Berlin, however.
- According to rumors, these measures are in connection with the October elections. \*\*
- Comment: On 13 September 1950 the East German Office of Information announced the cancellation of leaves for all DDR government personnel 25XTAADN, Berlin.
- Comment: Another source reports that furloughs were cancelled in the DDR Hinistry of the Interior as of 15 August 1950. These measures may be attempts to intimidate the United Nations Security Council or the Foreign Ministers Conference. It is unlikely that they are connected with the inpending East German purge. It is also unlikely that the officials have been recalled to participate in the election campaigns.

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